

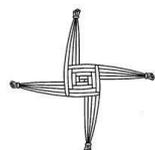
12th February 2021

Dear Students,

I wish to commend you all on the tremendous work, effort and achievement during our first half-term of Remote Teaching and Learning. I realise the challenges this can offer and we all appreciate your engagement and the contact and interaction with you.

We have seen such an array of activities and experiences from your virtual learning which have provided inspiration and enjoyment for us all. Thank you for sharing!

Good luck to the JPIC Team and their *Loreto Family Fundraiser* for Loreto Sudan. We look forward to supporting the fundraiser this weekend.



Well done also to the JPIC Team for weaving rushes to make beautiful St Brigid Crosses to mark the *Feast of St Brigid*, on 1st February 2021.

Thanks to all the students who engaged in our wide array of Guest Speakers during PD class over the last number of Wednesday mornings. We hope you took away some useful ideas and practical strategies for positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.



Well done to all Key Stage 3 students for participating in *Barrie – The Punctuation Guy and his One Man Show* - and all who learned to sing about Compound Sentences!

Thank you and well done to all the students who participated in our *Open Tour 2021 Virtual Event* – Lily Rose Darcy; Aoibh O' Neill; Clara Gormley and Caoimhe Loane captured the Loreto Journey beautifully for us and recounted the narrative in an inspirational way for our prospective Year 8 students – well done to every single student involved in this production.

"Today is where your book begins...the rest is still unwritten" "New start, new story!"

We look forward to *The NI Science Festival* from 15 – 28 February which can be viewed online at nisciencefestival.com

I am delighted that the GCSE and A Level Art & Design students attended a fantastic *Careers webinar* hosted by *ScreenWorksNI* and delivered by Games Designer, Stephen Downey, Co-owner of *Outsiders Games*.



Congratulations to the Year 9 ICT winners of the competition, *"How to stay Cyber Secure while Remote Learning"*: Niamh McElroy; Laura Maguire; Lauren Andrews; Cass Cameron and Emer Conway.



A huge well done to all the students who sent through videos for *Safer Internet Day 2021* – they are just marvellous. Maria Diamond & Caitlin McCarroll 10A1; Catherine Donnelly & Rhianna McKinney 10A3; Grainne Cassidy & Sally McMenamain 10A4; Nicole McElhatton & Darcee O’ Neill 10A5; Eva Conway and Aine Curran Year 10.



Congratulations to all the Year 8s who have read a staggering 23,006, 407 million words since our launch of *Accelerated Reader* in October 2020! Amazing work, ladies – keep it up!

The *Steph Skips* Challenge continues and I think we are just all in awe of her skipping talents – just wonderful!



Thank you to Lily-Rose and Lucy in Year 8 for their promotion of the theme *Healthy Eating is a Healthy Mind* with mouth-watering photographs of their scrumptious meals.

Mrs Flanagan and the *Eco Club* encourage all our under 16 pupils to enter a great competition – *Creative Earth – Together for our Planet*. Check out our social media accounts for further details.



Thank you to Ms O’ Kane’s 9A1 and 9A2 English Classes for their lovely *Haiku* poems. They are both creative and inspiring – well done!

Good luck to all the students who are entering the The Art Department’s *Fill your HeART Competition* for February 2021.



Thank you to all Mr Conroy’s RE students who shared some lovely expressions of HOPE for *Children’s Mental Health Week 1st – 7th February* with the theme *Express Yourself*. Thank you to Mrs McGinley’s Year 10 RE Class who wrote beautiful poems dedicated to the life and legacy of Mary Ward. Well done also to Year 9 RE students for their wonderful contributions to *Mary Ward Week 2021* and their wonderful written compilations on the themes of *Faith and Resilience for Catholic Schools Week 2021*. Mrs Ferguson’s students in Year 10 created lovely work on the theme of *Faith and Hope in Challenging Times* and the Year 8 RE posters of Mary Ward Quotes were simply marvellous. Mrs McFadden’s Junior RE Classes also produced amazing work to celebrate our foundress Mary Ward and her core values of *Sincerity, Justice, Truth, Joy and Freedom*.



Congratulations to our *Mathematicians of the Month* of January – Katelyn Taggart ; Cara Ní Cheallaigh; Orla Curran; Rose McNamara and Keeva Owens. A great acknowledgement of your consistent effort, girls!

Thank you to Ms Armstrong’s 10A3 Form Class for sharing their beautiful *Colour Therapy* work on-line for us – both colourful and calming!

This is a wonderful snapshot of the vibrant virtual learning experiences and I love the range of videos portraying a day in the life of a “remote” Loreto student!
Watch our social media this weekend for a lovely surprise from our Year 9 students! Enjoy. Please relax, rest and rejuvenate. Enjoy time off-screen with your family, have a LOVEly St. Valentine’s weekend and well-deserved mid-term break.



Mrs Susan Cullinan
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